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Applicant: Yoshirou YAMAZAKI      Conf.: 2983  
Appl. No.: 09/359,566      Group: 2622  
Filed: July 22, 1999      Examiner: M.J. MITCHELL  
For: IMAGE READING METHOD AND IMAGE READING APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

March 3, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 3, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

- AI
1. (Amended) An image reading method, comprising the steps of:  
reading photoelectrically an original image with an image sensor by separating it into  
three primary colors; and  
converting image signals of the three primary colors outputted from the image  
sensor into digital signals,